

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that Claims 1, 3-5 and 6-11 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over the Davidson reference in view of the Guttinger, Jameson and Powers references.

Claim 12 is rejected over the Davidson reference in view of the Powers and Oppelt references.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that Claim 14 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiners indication of the allowability of Claim 14 has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with this indication the features of Claim 14 have been introduced into Claim 1 and Claim 14 has been cancelled. The

thusly amended Claim 1 contains the allowable subject matter and therefore it should be allowed.

With the present Amendment applicant also cancelled independent Claims 9 and 12.

The retained dependent claims depend on Claim 1, they share its allowable features, and therefore they should be allowed as well.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application with all the claims currently on file is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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